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2. Le Huu Tu and Ngo Dinh Thuc will be unable to sign the appeal because of instructions from Rome not to get too deeply involved in politics, but they will participate in the meetings. The instructions from Rome have greatly weakened the position of Pham Cong Tac.
3. The nationalist leaders are considering the possibility of going underground if their aspirations are not satisfied and have sent representatives to establish liaison with Trinh Minh The to prepare for this eventuality. Hoan is trying to organize a quiescent underground under Nguyen Van Luyen in the north and under Ha Thuc Ky in the central part of Vietnam.
4. Hoan and Luyen visited Bao Dai on 17 July and presented plans for an appeal, meeting, and demonstrations. Bao Dai agreed in principle, but asked that he be allowed to fix the date and control the timing. The coalition leaders think Bao Dai is stalling and trying to dupe them. They have planned a big meeting at Saigon for 8 August and are determined to go ahead even if it means prison or being driven underground. The attendance of Tu, Thuc, and Tac will furnish certain protection against arrest. The Saigon diplomatic colony and foreign

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and local press representatives will be invited. It is planned to assemble a crowd of 30,000 to demonstrate during the meeting. The coalition leaders feel that they can no longer delay action in view of the coming Franco-Vietnamese negotiations. Cao Dai and Hoa Hao leaders are making plans to go underground in the event the demands are not met. Trinh Minh The is planning to furnish sanctuary and support.

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2. Pham Cong Tac is the Cao Dai Pope.
3. Trinh Minh The is a dissident Cao Dai military leader.

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